

**Regular Council Meeting
September 10, 2013**

I. Meeting Called to Order

Mayor Barley called to order the regularly scheduled council meeting of September 10, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Council members Elizabeth Brannon, Ray Jackson, Jennifer Laird, Janice McLean and Harold Taunton.

II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

III. Approval of past minutes

Councilman Taunton motioned to approve the minutes of the regular city council meeting of August 22, 2013 and the special council meeting of September 5, 2013 as presented, Councilwoman Laird seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

1. Planning Report

No items were presented.

2. Legal Matters

No items were presented.

3. Fire Department Report

Chief Chad Harrell gave a brief report for August detailing calls, training hours, events attended and fire hydrant maintenance items.

4. Park Department report

Councilman Taunton gave a brief report for the parks including maintenance items, scheduled events and a vandalism event (vehicle driving “donuts” in the soccer fields).

5. Engineer report

No report was given.

IV. Old Business

1. Heritage Museum update

Clerk Haynes informed the council that a new revenue account had been established for the purpose of accepting donations on behalf of the Heritage Museum. Mr. Tim Ard, gave the council and

audience an update of the renovations done to the building. A grand opening is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, November 3, 2013.

2. Personnel policy changes/temporary and part time classifications

Attorney Adkinson recommended that council consider holding a personnel policy workshop to review the entire document and to make changes and updates to the entire document at one time. Councilman Jackson motioned to table the item until a later meeting, Councilwoman McLean seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

V. New Business

1. Resolution of support/Healthmark Regional Medical Center

Councilwoman Brannon motioned to approve the proposed resolution of support for Healthmark Regional Medical Center's request to the Florida Department of Transportation to consider relocating a small section of the widening of U.S. Highway 331 to the west, Councilwoman McLean seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0. Resolution #2013-03 was adopted.

VI. Council Business Not On Agenda

Clerk Haynes requested approval for a resolution to extend the Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Freeport and the Florida Department of Transportation, for the maintenance of the right of way areas on U.S. Highway 331 and State Highway 20, from a one year renewable contract to a three year agreement. Councilman Taunton motioned to approve the resolution as presented, Councilwoman Brannon seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0. Resolution #2013-04 was adopted.

Councilman Jackson stated that he had contacted some insurance companies and the state regarding the ISO rating and got conflicting information. He would like to see something in writing prior to the council making a decision regarding the fire department.

Attorney Adkinson said that he had spoken to Chief Coley and understood that the ISO rating was based on the location of the fire station.

Chief Chad Harrell stated that the insurance agents came up with the ratings depending on the responding fire station.

Resident Sidney Hollington suggested the City postpone a decision on the merger of the fire department with the county, until the county has completed its survey to get an ISO rating (sometime after the first of the year).

Mayor Barley stated that all aspects were being considered.

Mayor Barley informed the council and audience that a meeting was scheduled, for anyone interested in serving on the festival committee, for September 25, 2013 at 5:30 pm, at City Hall.

VII. Public Comment

Mr. Billy McLean suggested the Four Mile boat landing be re-named the Steel Bridge Landing on Four Mile Creek and the park at the point be re-named the Old Mill Boat Landing on Four Mile Creek.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Russ Barley, Mayor

Robin Haynes, City Clerk

Janice McLean, Council President